

Priest on Trial *Feb. 12/15/65*

ROME—A Roman Catholic priest, on trial for publicly defending conscientious objection to the draft, appealed in his defense to the recently promulgated Vatican Council Declaration on the Church in the Modern World. The court rejected the Declaration as evidence. It recommends changing the national law to permit conscientious objectors.

The Rev. Lorenzo Milani contended the Declaration showed the issue was open to debate. The public prosecutor countered that the court must be concerned with applying the existing law.